



## Perpich Arts High School Admissions Application 2023-2024 School Year

Perpich Arts High School is looking for motivated, self-disciplined students entering 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2023-2024 school year. Perpich Arts High School seeks students who demonstrate a strong commitment to ***serious study in academics and the arts***. Perpich Arts High School is a public, tuition-free, residential-optional school of choice for students who want to explore the arts in an extraordinary way with like-minded people of similar interests. Accountability, curiosity, independence, discipline, and challenge fosters a growth mindset.

Admissions Committee members are trained to identify a student's ***potential*** for growth in a specific art discipline, as well as ***demonstrated*** accomplishments. Perpich has accepted students with years of experience, and others with no formal training in their discipline. For all students, Perpich strives to cultivate their skills in our unique, small learning community where students are seen, respected, and known.

The Admissions Department at Perpich looks at each application thoroughly. The recommendation, student experience, transcript, GPA, and student essay information are considered. After review of the application materials, each student will be contacted about their status for an admission review and interview. ***Not every applicant is guaranteed an audition; academic requirements must be met.***

### **PLEASE READ: Important things to know before applying to Perpich Arts High School**

- Perpich is a rigorous program. **Students earning below a 'C' in their art courses may not be allowed to continue their enrollment at Perpich.**
- Being successful at Perpich requires time management and a serious dedication to arts and academics.
- Perpich requires a demanding schedule. The school day runs 8:00 am-3:30 pm., with studio spaces open until 7:30 pm Monday-Thursday.
- **Students should only apply if they are committed to serious training in their specific art area, and are eager to practice that art discipline 3+ hours a day. *We expect a commitment to working on art outside of class time.*** Plan for after school rehearsals, studio work time, and homework.
- It is expected that the applying student will take the lead with the application process and correspondence with Perpich Arts High School. Parents/Guardians have a very important role to play, yet we request it be secondary during the admissions process. **Student responsiveness to emails and other communications is an important indicator of student success at Perpich Arts High School and will be one of the factors considered in final admission decisions.** Students should use an email address that is working and often checked.



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**Each item below is required for a complete application. No payment is required at the time of application.**

### ☐ Application

- Artistic Experience Questionnaire
- Short Answer Questions
  - Grammar, punctuation, and spelling matter.

### ☐ Release of Information

- Send in the signed original and give a copy to your school counselor.

### ☐ Transcript, grade 9 to present, with current class schedule

- The transcript does **NOT** need to be official, but should be in a transcript format, showing class name, grade and credits earned. Screenshots or grade reports are **NOT** acceptable.
- If not printed on the transcript, please list on a separate sheet of paper all classes in-progress and classes scheduled for the remainder of the school year.
- Geometry is a requirement for a Minnesota high school diploma, but is not offered at Perpich because most students complete this in earlier grades. Students are encouraged to complete geometry prior to attending.
- To meet the requirements set forth by the Minnesota Legislature, students applying for their senior year must present with a minimum 2.0 GPA. Last year's average GPA of incoming students was 3.14.
- Incoming juniors must present with a minimum of 10 credits. Seniors must present with 19 credits. Admissions staff can assist in translating the student's current credit system into the Perpich system.

### ☐ Attendance record, grade 9 to present:

- If appropriate, explain any gaps in attendance, excessive tardies, or other attendance issues in the essay section.

### ☐ Academic recommendation

- The recommendation must be completed by the applicant's school counselor or a high school teacher of English, math, science, social studies, or world language. Only **ONE** letter is requested.

### How to Complete the Application/Release of Information/Academic Recommendation Online

Download the pdf file/s from [perpich.mn.gov](https://perpich.mn.gov) and open the files using Adobe Acrobat/Reader. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, a free version can be downloaded from <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>. As you fill out each shaded field, save often. It is recommended that you complete the short answer questions in a word processor and paste them into the pdf file. The files are not meant to be completed on a tablet or other mobile device or with applications other than Adobe Acrobat/Reader. Submit the completed materials by mail, fax, or email it as an email attachment.

After filling out the Release of Information form, give a copy to your school counselor for your cumulative folder and send a copy to Perpich with your other materials.

The Academic Recommendation file should be downloaded and send it to an educator to complete. Upon completion this file can be sent directly to Perpich OR it can be given back to the applicant and returned with the other application materials.

If a printed copy of the application is needed or you need help completing the materials online, contact Anne Johnson, Admissions Director, at [anne.johnson@pcae.k12.mn.us](mailto:anne.johnson@pcae.k12.mn.us) or 763-279-4195.



## Application for 2023-2024 School Year – Personal Information

Student Last Name	Student First Name - LEGAL	Student First Name - CHOSEN	Preferred Pronouns
Student PRIMARY Address	City	State	Zip
Student Email ( <u>regularly checked</u> non-school email preferred)	Student Mobile Phone	Student Home Phone	

Minnesota Parent/Guardian #1 Name	Parent/Guardian #1 Email	Parent/Guardian #1 Phone	
Parent/Guardian #1 Address (if different)	City	State	Zip

Parent/Guardian #2 Name	Parent/Guardian #2 Email	Parent/Guardian #2 Phone	
Parent/Guardian #2 Address	City	State	Zip

<b>Art Area of Interest: (select no more than two)</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Literary Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theater	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts

<b>Gender Identity:</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Transgender Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Transgender Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Binary	<input type="checkbox"/> Write in

<b>Student Ethnicity:</b>							
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latinx	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Two or more races	<input type="checkbox"/> Other



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High School Information		
School Name	School District Number	
School Address - Street		
School Address - City	State	Zip
School Counselor's Name	School Counselor's Phone Number	

Current Grade:	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 <sup>th</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 <sup>th</sup>



## Perpich Application 2023-2024 School Year - Signatures

**Perpich Arts High School works hard to build a community of students and scholars; a community that is intellectually rigorous and culturally open; a community that is both physically safe and safe for people with different expressions, different backgrounds, and different world views.**

**Perpich Arts High School reserves the right to rescind an offer of admission under various conditions, including but not limited to: new information obtained from the time of this application going forward, poor academic performance, disciplinary actions, attendance concerns, criminal actions, and behavior that brings into question the admitted student's honesty, maturity, attitude, or moral character. This includes postings on social media.**

In signing this application, we certify that all the information in the application is complete, true, and accurate. We acknowledge the above paragraph regarding the possibility of a rescinded offer of admission. If the applicant is accepted for admission to Perpich Arts High School, we agree to adhere to the policies, rules, and regulations now in existence and those that may be established in the future. Any misrepresentation on the part of the applicant or parent/guardian is cause for non-acceptance and/or cancellation of acceptance. All documents submitted in support of this application become the property of Perpich Arts High School and are not returnable or transferable.

Perpich requests **LEGAL** names/signatures on this form. Once formally enrolled as a Perpich student, **CHOSEN** names can be used after appropriate forms are completed. **Student and parent signatures are required for a complete application.**

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Student LEGAL Name PRINTED

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Student LEGAL signature (a typed signature is acceptable)

Date

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Parent/Guardian signature (a typed signature is acceptable)

Date

**How did you learn about Perpich Arts High School? Check all that apply:**

☐ **Current Perpich student**   ☐ **Friend**   ☐ **Alumni**   ☐ **Guidance Office**   ☐ **Teacher**

☐ **Online Search**   ☐ **Social Media: which one?** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Playbill: which one?** \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ **Newspaper: which one?** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Perpich Application 2023-2024 - Artistic Experience

### **DANCE:** Complete these questions only if you are applying for **Dance**:

List any experience, training, or dance lessons you have taken. Include how old you were when you took the lessons:

Does your experience or training come from middle or high school? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

Does your experience or training come from an independent dance studio? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, what is the name of the studio, what styles of dance did you study, and for how many years?

How many hours per week do you/did you dance: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had ballet training? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes to ballet training, how old were you, and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_(9-12 months of consecutive training equals 1 year)

### **LITERARY ARTS:** Complete these questions only if you are applying for **Literary Arts**:

Have you had any prior poetry, fiction, playwriting, or creative non-fiction experience or training?

\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

Does your experience or training come from middle or high school? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, what grade/s were you in? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your experience/training come from an independent organization or a private teacher? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, what is the name of the organization or teacher and for how many years?

Do you write outside of school? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, about how many hours do you spend writing per week? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you write most of the time? (pick your top one or two):

\_\_\_\_Fiction (stories, novels) \_\_\_\_ poetry (poems, lyrics) \_\_\_\_plays or movies

\_\_\_\_creative non-fiction (essays in which you choose the topic, memoir, articles)

\_\_\_\_other-please list \_\_\_\_\_

List any publication credits here (title of the publication, title of your work, date published):



## Perpich Application 2023-2024 - Artistic Experience continued

### **MEDIA ARTS: Complete these questions only if you are applying for Media Arts:**

Have you had any photography, video or screenwriting experience or training? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If no, are you self-taught? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If self-taught, what do you use for reference?:

Does your experience or training come from middle or high school? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

Do you create Media Art outside of school? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, about how many hours do you spend on Media Arts per week? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your experience or training come from a private teacher or independent arts school? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

List any experience or art lessons you have taken. Include the name and contact information of the teacher/school, and how old you were when you took the lesson/s:

### **MUSIC: Complete these questions only if you are applying for Music:**

Specify your primary instrument/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you read sheet music (notes printed on a page)? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

Can you play piano or keyboard? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

List any experience, training, or music lessons you have taken. Include the name and contact information of the teacher or school, and how old you were when you took the lessons:

Does your experience or training come from middle or high school? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, was it a band, choir, or orchestra program and for how many years?

If self-taught, what do you use for reference?:

Do you create Music outside of school? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, about how many hours do you spend on Music per week? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your experience or training come from an independent music school? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

Do you study with a private teacher? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, what is the name of the studio and/or teacher and how many years?



## Perpich Application 2023-2024 - Artistic Experience continued

### **THEATER: Complete these questions only if you are applying for Theater:**

Have you had any prior acting experience or training? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please answer the following:

Does your experience or training come from middle or high school? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Does your experience or training come from a private teacher or theater school/company? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, what is the name of the teacher or school/company, and how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe yourself as a performing artist. How would someone who has worked with you on a performance describe you?

If you have been in productions, list any play or musical you've done in the past 3 years, including the title, name of your role, and where it was produced.

### **Additional questions if applying for Musical Theater:**

List any dance classes or lessons you have taken:

List any music classes or lessons you have taken:

### **VISUAL ARTS: Complete these questions only if you are applying for Visual Arts:**

Have you had any drawing, painting, ceramics, or sculpture experience or training? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If no, are you self-taught? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Does your experience or training come from middle or high school? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If self-taught, what do you use for reference?:

Do you create Visual Art outside of school? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, about how many hours do you spend on Visual Arts per week? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your experience or training come from a private teacher or independent visual arts school?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

List any experience or art lessons you have taken. Include the name and contact information of the teacher/school, and how old you were when you took the lessons:





## Perpich Application 2023-2024 - Short Answer Questions

Short answers are limited to 300 words per question. Grammar, punctuation, and spelling matter. Please reply thoroughly. (It is suggested that you complete your answers in a word processor and paste them into the application.)

Explain your top TWO reasons why you want to attend Perpich Arts High School?

How will Perpich be different from your current school? Complete the grid below and please be specific.

CURRENT School Pros/Cons	PERPICH Pros/Cons



## Page 2 - Applicant Short Answer Questions

**What will you have to give up if you become a Perpich student?**

**The art classes at Perpich are at an advanced level and therefore may be more difficult than the art courses you've probably experienced. It's learning about the art as much as creating it. Much is expected of our students. Do you feel you have the self-motivation and self-discipline to be successful with these expanded expectations? Please answer candidly and completely.**



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## **Page 3 - Applicant Short Answer Questions**

**What is the impact of stress on focus and completing your school work? How do you calm yourself when you get stressed with school or home, friends, family, or situations?**

**What are your artistic goals?**



## Page 4 - Applicant Short Answer Questions

Give an example of one of your challenges in your preferred art area/s and how you handled it.

What, if any, issues have you had at school or home that you think could impact your success at Perpich? This can be disciplinary, social, or health related.



## **Page 5 - Applicant Short Answer Questions**

**Consider your transcript. Is this an accurate reflection of your academic abilities? Why or why not? If appropriate, explain academic irregularities or grades of concern.**

**What does academic success mean to you? What helps or hinders your academic success?**



## Page 6 - Applicant Short Answer Questions

If appropriate, explain any gaps in attendance, excessive tardies, or other attendance issues.

**Submit Complete Application via Mail**

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